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SUBJECT: KOREA IN THE 30TH UNGA: NEXT STEPS

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1. SUBJECT OF MEETING NOV 3 WITH ACTING FONMIN GETACHEW KIBRET (REFTEL(A)) CALLED AT HIS INITIATIVE, TURNED OUT TO BE LOCAL MATTER UNRELATED TO KOREAN QUESTION. I NONE-THELESS TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE SUBJECT MYSELF IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL (B).
2. I OPENED BY SAYING THAT IT WAS OUR FEELING THAT EPMG HAD BEEN UNDER STRONG PRESSURE ON THIS MATTER. I NONETHELESS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO LET HIM KNOW OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION. THEN I MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) NO ONE WILL UNDERSTAND IF EPMG FAILS TO RESIST BLACKMAIL BY NORTH KOREANS OR OTHERS.

B) THERE MAY BE FURTHER ABSTENTIONS ON HOSTILE RES-
OLUTION THEREBY INCREASING MARGIN OF PASSAGE, WHICH USG
WISHES TO AVOID.

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C) MY GOVERNMENT WISHED TO EXPRESS CLEARLY OUR

DISAPPOINTMENT AT ETHIOPIAN VOTES AND ONCE AGAIN PRESS
FOR AN IMPROVED POSITION.

D) MY GOVERNMENT WANTED EPMG TO UNDERSTAND MY
EXPRESSION OF STRONG DISAPPOINTMENT IS NOT THE END OF THE
MATTER SO FAR AS US RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA ARE CONCERNED.

3. GETACHEW REPLIED THAT EPMG DID NOT CONSIDER THAT IT
WAS YIELDING TO BLACKMAIL PRESSURE AND REPEATED FONMIN
KIFLE'S EARLIER STATEMENT THAT ETHIOPIAN POSITION WAS
DETERMINED WITHIN NON-ALIGNED CONTEXT. I OBSERVED THAT
NON-ALIGNED VOTE WAS SPREAD, THAT THERE WAS NO CONCENTRATED
VOTING PATTERN (GETACHEW AGREED) AND THAT SOME NON-ALIGNED
HAD TAKEN MORE MODERATE POSITION. GETACHEW MERELY SAID
FONMIN HAD PREFERRED TAKE POSITION HE DID ON BASIS OF
BROAD GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

4. COMMENT: GETACHEW WAS CLEARLY UNCOMFORTABLE AND WANTED
TO LEAVE MATTER SQUARELY ON BACK OF FONMIN KIFLE WHO CURRENTLY
OUT OF TOWN. HE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT EPMG WOULD
RETHINK ITS POSITION IN PREPARATION FOR THE UNGA
PLENARY, HOWEVER. IF DEPARTMENT WANTS FURTHER REPRE-
SENTATIONS MADE HERE, PERHAPS TO FONMIN KIFLE WHO WILL
RETURN IN DAY OR TWO, PLEASE SUPPLY INSTRUCTIONS.
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